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Hottest weather so far this year

13 May 2002

Later this week, warm southerly winds are likely to bring the hottest weather of the year so far. Met Office forecasters are predicting temperatures as high as 27 °C over parts of southern Britain.

Until the hot weather arrives, the warmest day so far this year was 23 April, when temperatures reached 23.7 °C in London.

Nigel Reed, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "The week has started wet in many places but will turn much warmer again later, with temperatures into the eighties. Unfortunately, thundery downpours might bring the hot spell to an end at the weekend."

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